

## NEWS NOTES.

(Continued from page 9)

H. Ogden, of Mobile, Ala. His theme each day was from the message of Matthew. With rare charm he set forth the teachings of this gospel, and on the last day he held the whole book before the people in such an attractive way that there was light and understanding in their minds, and faith and zeal in their hearts. Dr. Ogden began the night services with this subject, "The Home, Our Social Citadel." The sermon was a heart-searching appeal to the people to arouse themselves from the appalling indifference and go back to the family altar and religious instruction. Then came his sermon, "The Healing of the Body." He went boldly into the realm of error, took the truth that has been appropriated by error and put it in its proper place in the Bible. "Is God a Person" was his subject the third night. He discussed the personality of God in a profound, yet exceedingly attractive way, which proved to be of great value to the people. This sermon made a deep impression upon the town. Men discussed the great truths on the streets and in their places of business. After the third night his sermons were strong, loving, earnest appeals to Christians that they consecrate themselves to Christ, and to sinners that they accept Christ as their personal Saviour. The definite results were: One hundred and fourteen reconsecrated themselves to Christ and His service, eight professed their faith in Christ, two came with letters, thirteen promised to erect family altars, ten pledged to tithe their income, and fifteen promised to attend prayer meeting. The children who manifested a special interest have been placed in classes for instruction by the pastor. After they have received instruction, they will be given an opportunity to unite with the church.

Edgar W. Williams, Pastor.

## TEXAS.

**Texas-Mexican Presbytery:** Reports from the various workers show 183 members received on profession of faith and total contributions amounting to \$6,515, making this the banner year in the history of this mission. A number of churches seem to be in the midst of a harvest season.

Rev. C. R. Womeldorf organized the Mexican Presbyterian church of Houston on March 13th, with thirty-one members. The Texas-Mexican Presbytery met with this new church on April 27th.

Mr. Cavazos, of the San Antonio Mexican church, writes as follows:

"My quarterly report is not yet ready, but I am sending a card to say that the Lord is richly blessing our meetings. Yesterday was a glorious day; we had a fine service at 7 A. M., with a good attendance; at 10 o'clock a special Easter service (by the Sunday school), with an attendance of 140 and a collection of \$20.26; at night the building filled so that we had to put the children on the pulpit platform. In this service four were received on profession of faith and the reception of a number of candidates for membership was deferred."

From Kingsville, Rev. I. P. Balderas writes: "I have been very busy in a series of special services from Wednesday, March 23d, to Sunday, the 27th, which were really surprising in the great success, especially the Easter Sunday services. At 5:30 o'clock on Sunday morning we began with a truly inspiring service, having an attendance of eighty persons. Our Sunday school had 106 in attendance, while at night the congregation reached 150, all of whom seemed im-

pressed and greatly pleased. In this service nine members were received by profession, making a total of twenty-seven for the year and one by letter. Last year the attendance, even at the special services, never exceeded seventy, while now the building is insufficient, and we have the regret of seeing many people turned away for lack of room. Our finances have gone down, due to the very critical situation through which the church people are passing with the scarcity of work. On the other hand, there has been an increase in spirituality and interest."

**Mackey:** This church has recently had nine accessions and three infant baptisms.

**Galveston:** Rev. G. A. Walls visited this church on March 20th, and received five members and baptized three infants. C. F. Morales, a prospective candidate for the ministry, is teaching the day school and conducting the services for this congregation.

**Alice:** A petition from eighteen Mexican Presbyterians of this town, requesting to be organized as a church, has just been received.

R. D. Campbell.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

**Bramwell:** Bramwell reports the year just ended as the best in the seven years of the present pastorate. The church reports an increase over last year in membership of 26 per cent., chiefly on profession. In gifts to the regular benevolent causes, an increase over last year of 97 per cent., or 53 per cent. over its regular assessed quota, though not in the proportions asked. To Foreign Missions they gave \$6 per member, instead of \$9, as assessed. In gifts to all causes, an increase of 41 per cent. over last year. Per capita gifts to regular benevolences, \$42.14, or including miscellaneous benevolences, \$46.65. Per capita gifts to all causes, \$88.41. Not content with this, they have opened the new church year most auspiciously by subscribing to the Million-Dollar Campaign a per capita of \$88.49, and at home by giving the manse three coats of paint and replacing the old wooden sidewalks around the manse with new ones of concrete. The Christian Endeavor Society has for its year's work money enough in bank, with what help the Sunday school can render, to purchase a piano for the use of both organizations. Sunday, April 24th, Messrs. A. M. Smith and Newton T. Roberts were ordained and installed deacons, in addition to the former three already in office. The present year is filled with promise of growth and prosperity.

A. S. Rachal, Pastor.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. W. A. Dabney from Charlottesville to Greenwood, Va.

Rev. S. M. Erickson from Arkadelphia, Ark., to 416 Eleventh Avenue, West, Duluth, Minn., where he will be until he sails for Japan on August 11th.

## PERSONAL.

Rev. E. J. Hertwig died in a hospital in Macon, Ga., April 19th. Mr. Hertwig has been the Presbyterian manager for Savannah Presbytery for two years, and each time he was successful in reaching the goal set before his Presbytery. Those who knew him best and who were well qualified to judge considered him one of the brightest young men in the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Neither let mistakes nor wrong directions discourage you. Let a man try faithfully manfully to be right; he will grow daily more and more right.—Carlyle.

## MINORITY REPORT ON FEDERATION.

We published last week the majority report of the Assembly's Committee on Federation. That report was signed by nine members of the committee, as follows: Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle, Rev. Dr. A. M. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil, Rev. Dr. S. L. Morris, Rev. Dr. J. M. Wells, Rev. Dr. T. A. Walton, Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, Mr. W. F. Stevenson and Mr. A. M. Scales.

Three members of the committee, Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling, Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutton and Colonel E. T. Miller, declined to sign it.

The following minority report has been sent us. It is signed by Dr. Whaling. It is not known whether or not Dr. Hutton and Colonel Miller will sign it. This minority report is as follows:

## Minority Report.

I. I hereby recommend that the Assembly decline to send down to the Presbyteries for adoption the Constitution presented by this committee, for the following reasons:

1. This Constitution does not accomplish the end which the General Assembly of 1920 had in view when it appointed this committee, with the instructions to prepare a Constitution which conferred the powers embodied in the Plan of Union, found on pages 184 and 187 of the Assembly's Minutes for 1920.

2. This Constitution fails to erect even a loose confederation, much less a generous Federal Union.

3. It erects a costly and elaborate piece of quasi-ecclesiastical machinery which has great possibilities of damage and slender count availing possibilities of usefulness.

4. It incarnates the mutual doubts and mistrusts of the churches rather than their mutual faith and common affection.

5. It necessitates the inopportune agitation of the Church, diverting attention from the great causes of missions and education, and for a purpose whose consummation promises so little of beneficial result.

6. It has little enthusiasm and slight interest back of it, and its own advocates seem half-hearted in pressing its claims.

II. I recommend that the Assembly announce its willingness to continue a Committee on Federal Union whenever any of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches declare their desire to confer with this end in view.

(Signed) Thornton Whaling.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS IN MAY.

By Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D.

I will add nothing to the report already made on finances, except to announce with joy that the killing exchange rate with China, which had been the chief source of the deficit from former years with which we began the year, returned to normal a few months ago, a fact bright with hope for the future. Had it resumed "normalcy" nine months earlier there would have been no deficit on this year's work. The committee's total appropriation for the regular work was \$190,000 less than the amount authorized by the Assembly's apportionment to Foreign Missions. Not only did the receipts from living donors break all records, but the year's growth along all lines of field work was highly encouraging.

## Our Missionary Force.

With gratitude to God we report that during the year we lost no missionaries by death and only two by retirement, an unprecedented record. But the number of actual and threatened breakdowns among our missionary force has been also unprecedented.

ed. In the last two months of the year five of our most active missionaries were ordered home by the doctors, while many others seem on the verge of a collapse from overwork.

## Warnings From the Field.

A leading missionary of one of our largest missions in the Orient said recently in a private letter:

"You would be amazed and alarmed if you realized the shaky condition of our force. Almost any one out here may have to be sent home at any time. This sounds like, and probably is, an exaggeration, but not much of an exaggeration after all, when one goes over the list of those who are below normal. The pressure of the work and the fact that every one has about three times one person's work, coupled with the depressing climate (see a recent article published by the Royal Asiatic Society) and the difficulty of getting rest in the summer time—all these things conspire to break people down. Send us recruits as fast as you can. If our personnel cannot be kept up, the money asked for for expansion will be useless. Send us BOTH."

## The Congo Mission reports:

"Four years ago this month there were fifteen male missionaries at Luebo Station alone. To-day that is all we have in the entire mission. We have five men at Luebo, and in one week two of them go on furlough, so three men must try to do the work that fifteen were doing."

## Reinforcements Sent.

The above distressing conditions, largely due to the fact that for three successive years there had been practically no net increase of our missionary force, the committee felt compelled to try to alleviate, notwithstanding the financial uncertainty. During the year forty-two new missionaries were added to our roll, a net gain of forty, bringing our force from 384 to 424. The joy with which these reinforcements were welcomed by those who with failing strength but unfaltering courage had been holding our far-flung battle line can scarcely be imagined. But among the forty-two there were only four nurses and one doctor.

The need of missionary doctors and nurses is so acute that unless speedily supplied we may expect an increasing number of invalidated missionaries as the combined effect of overwork and inadequate medical attention. We urge all pastors and auxiliary officers to aid us in meeting this desperate need of doctors and trained nurses.

Our missions are appealing to us for immediate additional reinforcements of eighty single women and seventy men, most of whom will desire to go out married, to take adequate care of our present work.

## Then and Now.

This year under review, being the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of our Congo Mission, invites a retrospect not of one year, but of thirty. Thirty years ago there was not a man in all the region round about Luebo that had heard the name of Christ. Now there are 21,000 communicants. Then there was not a man that knew a letter in any alphabet. Now there are 20,000 in day schools, 43,000 in Sunday schools, 434 students for the ministry, 591 outstations where daily instruction is given in gospel truth and the three Rs, while thousands have been taught agriculture, carpentry, cabinet-making, brick-making, shoemaking, blacksmithing, tanning, tailoring, nursing, weaving and other arts of Christian livelihood, all of which means the progressive lifting of a whole great people out of the black pit of heathenism into the light of Christianity. Does it pay?